

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 2 with the following paragraph.

--Then, the present inventor found out that dimethyldichlorosilane polymer (also known as “polydimethylsiloxane” which is the polymerized product of dimethyldichlorosilane) is advantageously used for notched strings and achieved completion of the present invention. Hereinafter, all instances of the term “dimethyldichlorosilane polymer” is interchangeable with the term “polydimethylsiloxane”. --